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ground that the matter whether the tile factory is a seasonal one or not has been referred to the Government. Have the Government taken any action on that?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what are the principles on which the Government draw a conclusion as to whether a tile factory is a seasonal one or a non-seasonal one? Are the Government aware of the fact that individual owners, after getting a defeat from the Government, want to declare the factories as seasonal and will the Government take all these things into consideration and safeguard the interests of the workers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Government do take into consideration all these factors before they give a decision whether a particular factory is seasonal or not. The main criterian that should be taken note of while deciding whether one is seasonal or not, is the number of days the factory works in the year.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Once the Government have declared the Saw Mill Industry as neither seasonal nor intermittent, may I know what dose the Hon. Minister mean by saying that the case of each factory will be considered on its merits?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : While the industry as such is considered to be neither seasonal nor intermittent, there may be particular factors relating to a particular factory which might lead to the decision that a particular factory is seasonal. That is why Government said they will consider each factory on individual merits.

* 2771 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that seven industrial disputes relating to Tile Factories in Feroke, Malabar, are pending before the Conciliation and Labour Officer, Kozhikode, for one year and four months; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

" C " Class Ward Patients

* 2772 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount charged from a " C " Class Ward Patient per day in the Government General Hospitals at Madras and Kozhikode;